

**MINUTES OF ACTION**

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**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

**M.S 131  
100 Hester Street  
New York, NY 10002  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Hon. Isaac Carmignani  
Hon. T. Elzora Cleveland  
Hon. Deborah Dillingham  
Hon. Norm Fruchter  
Hon. Vanessa Leung  
Hon. Kamillah Payne-Hanks  
Hon. Lori Podvesker  
Hon. Robert Powell  
Hon. Benjamin Shuldiner  
Hon. Roberto Soto-Carrión  
Hon. Laura Zingmond  
Hon. Miguelina Zorilla-Aristy  
Courtenaye Jackson-Chase, Secretary  
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

**Absent:**

Hon. Fred Baptiste

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**Action was taken as indicated below:**

Secretary Courtenaye Jackson-Chase called roll at 6:00 pm. All Panel Members were present except Panel Member Fred Baptiste. Panel Member Robert Powell arrived during the public comment portion of the meeting.

1. Chancellor's Update—Chancellor Carmen Fariña delivered general updates. Panel Chair Leung welcomed newly appointed mayoral appointee Benjamin Shuldiner.
2. Approval of March 25, 2015 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the March 25, 2015 Panel meeting was made by Panel Member Laura Zingmond. Panel Member Norm Fruchter seconded the motion. Panel Chair Leung called for a vote. The March 25, 2015 Minutes of Action were approved unanimously.

The minutes are available via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy Website](#).

3. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization—Panel Member Zingmond motioned to adopt the resolutions for significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion.

*1. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 School P469X (75X469) with P.S. 277 (07X277) in Building X027 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*

*2. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Temporary Co-Location of Grades 3-5 of Success Academy Charter School - Bronx 3 (84X380) with Existing Schools J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini (09X145), Urban Science Academy (09X325), and New Millennium Business Academy Middle School (09X328) in Building X145 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved 8-5 (yay: Carmignani , Leung, Payne-Hanks, Soto-Carrión Podvesker , Shuldiner , Zorilla-Aristy; nay: Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Powell, Zingmond).*

*3. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Pre-Kindergarten Program Operated by DREAM Charter School (84M382) with Existing Schools P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050) and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337) in Building M050 Beginning in 2015-2016 was approved unanimously.*

*4. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-location of One Grade Level of P.S. 330 (24Q330) with P.S. 110 (24Q110) and P.S. Q227 (75Q277) in Building Q315 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved unanimously.*

*5. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Co-Location of New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science IV (84QTBD) with Existing Schools August Martin High School (27Q400) and Voyages Prep - South Queens Transfer High School (27Q261) in Building Q400 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year was approved 7-3 with two*

*recusals (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Soto-Carrión, Zorilla-Aristy; nay: Dillingham, Payne-Hanks, Powell; recused: Zingmond, Shuldiner).*

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4. Approval of Contracts—Panel member Robert Powell presented the Contracts Committee recommendations to the Panel. The Contracts Committee met on Monday, April 27, 2015. The Committee unanimously recommended the approval of items 1-7 and 10-23. Before motioning to adopt the resolutions, Executive Director of Contracts and Purchasing, David Ross read text into the minutes. The text read as follows:

*To be read into the minutes of the April 29, 2015 Panel for Educational Policy meeting by David Ross, Executive Director, Division of Contracts and Purchasing:*

*First, I note that I have provided Panel members with technical changes to universal pre-kindergarten contracts that have been approved by the Panel at prior meetings and that these changes have been posted on the web.*

*A change has been made to item ten (10) of this month's agenda. The contract is for arts education. Ballet Tech Foundation, Inc. has been withdrawn from the agenda and this change is indicated in the Request for Authorization.*

*At the August 21, 2014 Panel meeting, the Panel approved a contract with New York Medical College. The agenda indicated the amount was for \$119,523. The annual amount is \$139, 400, as indicated in the Request for Authorization.*

Panel Member Dillingham motioned to adopt items 1-7 and 10-23 into three resolutions. Panel Member Cleveland seconded the motion. The Panel voted on the contract items, which were approved as follows:

- 1. Resolution 1: Items 4 was approved unanimously.*
- 2. Resolution 2: Items 1-3, 5-7 and 10-12 was approved unanimously.*
- 3. Resolution 3: Items 13-23 was approved was approved 11-0 with one recusal (yay: Carmignani, Cleveland, Dillingham, Fruchter, Leung, Podvesker, Shuldiner, Soto-Carrión, Payne-Hanks, Zingmond, Zorilla-Aristy; recused: Powell)*

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

A recording of the meeting is available [here](#).